

# 40th Anniversary Reception California State Commission on the Status of Women

# California Commission on the Status of Women

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, GOVERNOR



August 29, 2005

Dear Friends:

*Welcome to the Commission's celebration of 40 years of working to improve the status of women in California!* In 1965, the Legislature recognized that women provide great value to California and should be equal partners in all aspects of society. Since then, the Commission has been the State's commitment to women and a constant voice for women and their families.

Forty years of a very rich history cannot be reflected adequately by the brief highlights in this program. Each Commissioner has meaningful stories of how success for women was achieved and the challenges of being agents of change. Whether it is education, employment, access to credit, family law, reproductive rights, or elected and appointed office, women have moved forward. We celebrate this progress!

Today's Commission continues to work on these and emerging issues. Women have not reached pay equity. Access to health care challenges thousands of families. In recent years, we have focused on underserved women who often have no voice in the public policy arena – including immigrant women, victims of trafficking, incarcerated women, and rural women. We are a State of constantly changing diversity, and the Commission has a role to play in ensuring that the needs of **all** women are met.

We are grateful to the many advocacy organizations that collaborate with us, to legislators and their staff for their support and leadership, and to the Administration – past and present – who have worked with us on behalf of women and their families.

Sincerely on behalf of the Commission,

Elmy Bermejo  
Chairperson

Mary M. Wiberg  
Executive Director

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# 40th Anniversary Reception

## August 29, 2005

California Museum for History,  
Women and the Arts — 6:45 pm

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|---------------------------|--|
| Welcome                   | Mary Wiberg, Executive Director  |
| The Commission at 40      | Elmy Bermejo and Cheryl Kendrick<br>40th Anniversary Celebration Co-Chairs |
| The Early Years           | Senator John Burton (Retired)<br>Original Commission Member                |
| Looking Toward the Future | Senator Sheila Kuehl, Commissioner   |
| Closing Remarks           | Elmy Bermejo, Chairperson  |

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Association of California Commissions for Women  
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## 40 Years of Commission Action

Recognizing that women were “not able to contribute to society according to their full potential,” the Legislature, in 1965, created the **Advisory Commission on the Status of Women**. The law, signed by **Governor Pat Brown**, charged the Commission to study and report on the status of women in California. The Advisory Commission’s Report in 1967 addressed public and private employment; civil and political rights, including marriage and divorce; education, with emphasis on the mature woman; and the effect of social attitudes, pressures and economic considerations on women’s role in society. The issues addressed then span the Commission’s four decades and continue to be among the issues of concern today. The Commission, established by **Governor Ronald Reagan** in 1971 as an **independent state agency**, benefits from bipartisan input from public, legislative and statutory members. Citizen input in the development of public policy recommendations strengthens the commission’s work, much of which has been accomplished through public hearings, educational forums, research and recommendations, legislative advocacy, collaborating with other state and local agencies and women’s organizations.

### 1965 - 1975

- Administered the Equal Rights Amendment Project
- Issued reports on Women and Insurance
- Child Care Issues
- Affirmative Action for Model programs for State and Local Government
- Women in the Media
- Upward Mobility for State Employees
- Projects on Counseling Strategies and Motivating Low-Income Girls.
- Co-sponsored conferences with Women’s Justice Forum on Women and the Justice System

### 1976 -1985

- Implementation of Title IX and Elimination of Sex Bias in Schools and Vocational Education
- Public hearings on Violence Against Women
- Study of Women Field Workers (Campesinas Report)
- Statewide Hearings on Comparable Worth and on Feminization of Poverty
- Implementation of the Sexual Harassment in Employment Project
- Task Force on Homemakers Guide for California Wives
- Appointments to the State Sexual Assault Advisory Committee

### 1986 -1995

- Administered Displaced Homemaker Emergency Loan Program
- Co-sponsored Legislative Oversight Hearing on Sex Equity in Education Regulations and Implementation
- Conferences on “Making Child Care Happen: The Child Care Challenge” and “Building Bridges for California Women”
- Reports on Pay Inequities for Women Workers; Comparable Worth; and “A Profile of California Women: Women in Politics”
- “HELP YOURSELF” – a Manual for Dealing with Sexual Harassment
- Adopted Reproductive Rights as a Priority Issue
- Sponsored Adolescent Health Hearings

OFFICE OF NANCY REAGAN

August 29, 2005

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to send my congratulations to the California Commission on the Status of Women on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

As Governor of California, my husband demonstrated his belief in the importance of this Commission by signing the law that made it a permanent part of state government. He recognized the contributions to society women have always made, and wanted to make sure they will always receive the support and recognition they deserve. His concern for the welfare of women continued throughout his life, and in a speech he later made as President, he said:

*"Women continue to strengthen the family and enrich our lives with intellectual gifts, creative talents, and an indomitable spirit -- in business, government, volunteer activities, religious life, education, health, the military, sports, the arts, and many other areas. Historians will record the accomplishments of women at home as well, chronicling the tremendous contributions countless women have made by helping to raise children who adhere to the moral, ethical, civic, and patriotic principles that have made us, and kept us, a great country."*

I know my husband would be pleased by the efforts and accomplishments of the California Commission on the Status of Women. I want to express my own appreciation for all that you do, and I send you my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Nancy Reagan

California Commission on the Status of Women  
Fortieth Anniversary Reception  
California Museum for History, Women and Arts  
Sacramento, California

1996 - 2005

- Forums and Reports on the Domestic Violence Mandatory Reporting Law and Child Support Collection
- California Women's Appointment Project
- Collaborated with California Working Families Project on Summits
- Collaborated with IWPR on California Status of Women Report
- Welfare Reform Hearing on Six Strategies to Self-Sufficiency
- Gender Equity in Education Forum
- Advocacy on Underserved Women, including Women in Prison, Access to Health Care, and Economic Security
- Hearings on Human Trafficking

These highlights are only a glimpse at the Commission's past 40 years. Looking to the next decade, we know California women and their families still have many unmet needs. The number of immigrant women is growing; women and girls are the most frequent victims of human trafficking; the majority of incarcerated women have children under the age of 18 who are also at risk; and women still earn less than men. The Commission's advocacy on behalf of women will continue—with gratitude to the many organizations, legislators and individuals who collaborate with us. **There is still much work to be done!!**



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

August 29, 2005

*California State Commission on the Status of Women*

I am pleased to offer my congratulations as you gather to celebrate your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Golden State is proud to be home to people and groups who contribute to the vitality of our state, and I applaud your committed efforts to promote equality and justice for all women and girls. Your mission looks beyond adversity and works to find solutions that give all women the chance to live purposeful, enriched lives.

Your tradition of excellence has unlocked new opportunities for women and girls in California, and I thank you for your service.

As you celebrate this milestone, I extend my best wishes for every future success.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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“The California Federation of Business and Professional Women congratulates the Commission for successfully representing the interests of California women for 40 years. CFBPW has supported the Commission since its inception, and renews its support annually as an item on our legislative platform. We are proud that our member, Marian Ash, served as first Executive Director of the Commission.”

- Dolores “Dee” Eldridge  
Past State President

“May the Commission continue to be a fearless advocate for the right of all women, including those who serve society in traditional roles of child-rearing and homemaking, to a secure economic future. We can offer our daughters and granddaughters no greater gift.”

- Bonnie Sloane  
Commissioner

## California Legislative Women's Caucus

Representing Democratic and Republican Women in the California State Legislature

August 29, 2005

Mary Wiberg  
Executive Director  
California Commission on the Status of Women  
1303 J Street, Suite 400  
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Dear Ms. Wiberg:

The California Legislative Women's Caucus would like to offer our heartiest congratulations to the California State Commission on the Status of Women in celebration of your fortieth anniversary. We value the strong working relationship that has long existed between the Legislative Women's Caucus and the Commission on the Status of Women and the many accomplishments that we share in advancing issues of importance to California women and girls. We are proud to co-sponsor your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception.

On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Commission, we have the opportunity to celebrate its work as a longtime advocate on legislative issues affecting women and girls in areas such as childcare, violence against women, equity in education (including athletics), women's health care, homemakers rights and family law. We thank the Commission for being among the first to take a stand on issues such as child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and privacy rights, for your work to change California's rape laws, and for conducting the first statewide study of comparable worth.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Commission to address the unique needs of California women and girls in areas such as human trafficking, economic security, violence against women, increasing access to health care and reform of the women's correctional system.

Thank you to all of the staff and Commissioners whose work over the last forty years has helped make California a better place for women and girls to live.

Sincerely,



CAROL LIU  
Chair  
Legislative Women's Caucus



CHRISTINE KEHOE  
Vice-Chair  
Legislative Women's Caucus

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“Congratulations on 40 years of hard work in the fight for civil rights for millions of California women and girls. The Commission is leading the battle for justice and equity for every woman in California - not only the elected and the employed, but also those who have been exploited and abused and, for too long, had no voice.”

- Gloria Romero  
California Senate Majority  
Leader

“If California women are to advance in leadership positions, it is imperative that women's organizations work together to help them achieve that goal. CEWAER is proud of our history of collaboration with the California Commission on the Status of Women. CEWAER's Board of Directors and members congratulate the Commission on 40 years of service to California's women.”

- Rachel Otte Michelin  
Executive Director, CEWAER





## The Association of California Commissions for Women

August 17, 2005

To the California Commission on the Status of Women:

On behalf of the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW), I would like to extend our congratulations on your 40th anniversary. ACCW values the Commission's participation as part of our membership.

Our local member Commissions work diligently with our Counties and Cities to ensure that we do not discriminate against women in implementation of policies and programs or in funding and delivery of services. Our task would be increasingly more difficult if we did not have the voice of the California State Commission on the Status of Women continuously speaking for us in the State Capitol.

We applaud your hard work, your strength and your diligence in protecting the interests of California women and girls and ensuring that women have equal rights and opportunity in all aspects of their lives. We look forward to working with you in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Lisa Lopez Coffey, President  
Association of California Commissions for Women

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“The California Commission on the Status of Women has played a critical role in the development of legislative strategies and policies that enhance the well-being of women and girls in California, including the nation's first paid family leave law and the enactment of legislation to eliminate domestic violence and human trafficking. Though we still have a ways to go to achieve full equality, the Commission's work has continually moved us closer to that goal.”

- Senator Sheila Kuehl  
Commissioner

“The Commission has a rich 40-year legacy of protecting the interests of California's 18 million women and girls. Not only am I proud of our past, I am committed to the opportunities that lie ahead - the opportunity to give voice to the disenfranchised, to free the enslaved, to protect and empower victims of violence, and to fully embrace the rich diversity of color, sexual orientation, age, and class that represent all California women.”

- Holly Mitchell  
Commissioner



"The Commission plays a major role in identifying the pressing issues of the day and has made a huge difference to women legislators. It has stood strong through Republican and Democratic administrations, lending bi-partisan strength in efforts to achieve equity and make a difference for women and families in our state."

- **Dede Alpert**  
Former Senator  
and Commissioner

August 29, 2005

The California State Commission on the Status of Women  
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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the California Commission on the Status of Women. The National Women's History Project's staff, board and network congratulates the Commission on your important work on behalf of women.

The Commission has been a constant source of inspiration and support for the work of the National Women's History Project. Thank you for your leadership and for your ongoing advocacy for public policy that supports equal protection and opportunity for women.

The Commission is a wonderful testimony to how *Women Change America*.

With much joyful gratitude,



Molly Murphy MacGregor  
Executive Director and Cofounder  
National Women's History Project



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"Congratulations to the Commission on the Status of Women on your 40th. You are the vanguard in the leadership on women's issues. You are always there with inspiring help for others. Older women have truly benefited from your work."

- **Betty Perry**  
Public Policy Director  
OWL of California

"During the Commission's first month, it debated where to focus its energy - on underutilized women with education or on the problems of single mothers living below the poverty level. Happily it ignored neither and set a broad standard for future commissions!"

- **Marian Ash**  
First Executive Director

“ I will never forget attending, in 1971, a Senate committee hearing to extend the Commission’s life from 2 to 4 years. Then Senator Deukmejian (an old friend of mine) said, ‘We should not do this.’ My heart stopped! Then, he went on, saying, ‘This Commission has done excellent work and has proved itself. We should make it permanent. Mr. Chairman, may I introduce an amendment to do so?’ ”

- **Carolyn Heine**  
Former Executive Director



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August 10, 2005

Ms. Mary Wiberg  
Executive Director  
CALIFORNIA COMMISSION  
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
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Dear Mary and Members of the Commission:

While the fortieth anniversary of the California Commission on the Status of Women is an event that the women of your state will certainly be cause for celebration, it is those of us who are doing commission work – commissioners, staff and directors – who fully understand and appreciate the significance of this important milestone. Your colleagues know the difficulties, the successes and the dedication that go into creating and maintaining a commission.

On behalf of the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW), I extend warm and heartfelt congratulations on this significant birthday. We applaud your hard work and look forward to many more celebrations. You provide a role model with your work and dedication and we appreciate your ongoing willingness to share your expertise and projects with others. We are proud to count the California Commission on the Status of Women as a member of NACW.

Brava!

Sincerely,

Bonnie A. Coffey  
President

*The National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) is committed to equality and justice for women by increasing the effectiveness of member commissions and serving as their national voice.*

“I am very proud to have been a part of the great tradition and work done by the CCSW over the past 40 years. I am particularly proud of our work on addressing crimes of violence against women as well as such important economic issues as equal pay for work of comparable value and the feminization of poverty.”

- **Hannah Beth Jackson**  
Former Assemblymember  
and Commissioner

“My appointment to the Commission by Governor Ronald Reagan in 1974 initiated what was to become my life’s career and work for 30 years—devoted to securing equality of rights and opportunity for women. From ERA to Equal Pay and countless related issues, the struggle continues.”

- **Anita Miller**  
Former Commissioner

# *Resolution*

By the Honorable Don Perata, President pro Tempore of the Senate;  
Relative to Commending the

## *California Commission on the Status of Women*

**WHEREAS**, The California Commission on the Status of Women is celebrating its fortieth anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, The California Commission on the Status of Women is an agency of state government, created in 1965 by the California State Legislature, and is the only state agency which focuses exclusively on issues relating to the needs and concerns of California women; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commission works toward the elimination of inequities in laws, practices, and conditions which particularly affect women through legislative advocacy and serves as a public information and referral resource; and

**WHEREAS**, During the past 40 years, the Commission has contributed to the enactment of legislation and the development of public policy in the areas of women's health, equal opportunity in education and employment, child and other dependent care, economic security, family law, sexual harassment, violence against women, human trafficking, and women in prison; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commission has sponsored public hearings and educational forums in conjunction with California's state legislative committees, local commissions on the status of women, and other state agencies and women's organizations, in an effort to educate the general public and state policymakers on women's issues; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commission continues to address emerging issues affecting the diverse population of California women and their families, recommends solutions to the Governor and the Legislature, and continues to inform the public on these issues through electronic communications and its website; and

**WHEREAS**, The California Commission on the Status of Women has evolved into a leading organization in the state, a dynamic force striving to improve the quality of life of women and the general community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, DON PERATA**, That the California Commission on the Status of Women be congratulated on the celebration of its fortieth anniversary, commended for its contributions to improving public policy that impacts the lives of California women, applauds the past and present members and staff of the Commission for their tireless efforts on behalf of California women, extends best wishes for the continued success of the Commission's efforts in the future.

Member Resolution No. 1192  
Dated this 29th day of August, 2005.



Honorable Don Perata  
President pro Tempore of the Senate

“In the mid-80s, the Commission requested a Senate Education Committee oversight hearing on the implementation of the Sex Equity in Education Act. As a result of testimony from Olympic Gold Medalist Pam McGee, representatives of UC, CSU, the community colleges and myself as a Commissioner, Senator Ed Davis carried a bill for the Commission amending the Act and mandating timely promulgation of sex equity regulations. It was a wonderful victory for women and girls in education.”

- Phyllis Cheng  
Former Commissioner

“We commend the California Commission on the Status of Women for its legacy of leadership, transformational partnership and assistance they have provided local and statewide organizations, like AAUW California, to make a difference for women and girls. For 40 years CCSW’s commissioners and executive staff have navigated a path through legislative challenges to help women achieve equity in public and private arenas through landmark public policy. Your independent voice is as crucial today, as it has been over the past four decades.”

- Kathleen Cha  
State President, AAUW California

“Twenty years ago, the Commission reached out to women’s groups across California to win a historic victory - securing the protection of the law over women’s marital property rights. Acting alone, we never could have achieved our goal, but working together, women changed the law! The lasting bonds our Commission has made with organizations and advocates are the foundation for the important work remaining in the struggle for women’s equity. I am proud to have been part of that effort.”

- Dorothy Jonas  
Former Commissioner

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